

## Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

### Watonwan District FY08 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

Water Quality, Water Quantity, Soil Health, Soil Erosion (wind and water), Stream bank Erosion, Odor Control, Wildlife Habitat, Nutrient Management, and Groundwater Quality, Stormwater.

If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

2. Prioritize and weight each local resource concern for the district. Weight must be between 1 and 10:

Factor	Resource Priority	Weight
A1. Erosion Control	8 High	9
A2 Gully Control	4 Medium	3
B1 Water Resource	9 High	10
B2 Wastewater/CNMP	8 High	8
C Habitat Improvement	7 Medium	6
D Air Quality	7 High	7
E Impaired Water	1Low	2
F Distance	5 Medium	4
G Grazing System	6 Medium	5
H Forest Mgt.	2 Low	2
Additional Local*	High	0

- If the additional local concern is scored, describe the concern here and how points will be scored. Include any geographic priorities.

### EQIP RANKING QUESTIONS FOR WATONWAN COUNTY

- Will the EQIP practices you are applying for reduce soil erosion to T or below?
  - Will the EQIP practices you are applying for result in a reduction of wind erosion and improve air quality?
  - Will the EQIP practice you are applying for reduce nutrient and pesticide contamination in ground and surface water?
  - Will the EQIP practice you are applying for improve water quality in the Watonwan river basin?
3. Attach the scoring worksheet as recommended for the district.
  4. List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document NONE.

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 08 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

Chair, Local Work Group

Date

**Local Work Group Development of Local EQIP  
September 5, 2007  
St. James, MN 56081**

Members Present: Bob Luther SWCD Supervisor, DeWayne Krenz County Commissioner, Bruce Johnson Environmental Services Officer, Henry Kohn St. James Township Chair, Brad Luna FSA Committee, Phillis Brey DC, Bernie Schwartz NRCS, Jack Krech DM, Dorothy Raney Administrative Asst.

Meeting called to order by Jack Krech at 9:35 am. Jack welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Bernie Schwartz dispensed packets of information to each person. The purpose of this meeting was to review and set priorities for EQIP with a ranking system. Phillis went over priorities set at last year's Local Work Group Meeting. There were 19 contracts in 2006 and 19 contracts for 2007. She also talked about the amount of funds that were spent for each year. There will be a new sign-up through January 31, 2008.

Discussion followed that the ranking of priorities will remain the same as last year. No changes.

The meeting was concluded at 10:05 a.m.